

**FEDERAL LAW NO. 101-FZ OF JULY 15, 1995 ON THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION (with the Amendments and Additions of December 1, 2007)**

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International treaties form the legal basis of interstate relations and promote the maintenance of universal peace, security, and development of international cooperation in accordance with the objectives and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. International treaties have an important role in protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms of man and in ensuring the legitimate interests of the states.

The international treaties of the Russian Federation, together with the generally accepted principles and norms of international law, are, in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, and integral part of its legal system. International treaties are an essential element of the stability of the international law and order and of the relations of Russia with foreign countries, and of the functioning of a rule-of-law state.

The Russian Federation stands for a strict observance of the contractual and customary norms and is confirming its adherence to the basic principle of a conscientious fulfilment of the international obligations.

Section I. General Provisions

Article 1. The Tasks and the Sphere of Application of the Present Federal Law

1. The present Federal Law shall determine the procedure for concluding, fulfilling, and terminating the international treaties of the Russian Federation.

The international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be concluded, fulfilled, and terminated in accordance with the generally accepted principles and norms of international law, the provisions of a treaty itself, the Constitution of the Russian Federation and the present Federal Law.

2. The present Federal Law shall be applicable with respect to the international treaties of the Russian Federation (interstate, intergovernmental or interdepartmental treaties) regardless of their type and name (treaty, agreement, convention, protocol, exchange of letters or notes, and other types and names of international treaties).

3. The present Federal Law shall extend to the international treaties in which the Russian Federation is a party as a USSR successor state.

Article 2. The Use of Terms

For purposes of the present Federal Law:

a) an **"international treaty of the Russian Federation"** means an international agreement concluded by the Russian Federation with a foreign state (or states), with an international organisation or with other formation entitled to make international treaties (hereinafter referred to as other formation), in written form and governed by international law, regardless of whether such an agreement is contained in one document or in several interrelated documents, and also regardless of its specific name;

b) **"ratification"**, **"approval"**, **"adoption"** and **"accession"** mean, as the case may be, a form of expressing the consent of the Russian Federation to the obligatoriness for it of an international treaty;

c) **"signature"** means either a stage in concluding a treaty or a form of expressing the consent of the Russian Federation to the terms of an international treaty when the treaty stipulates that the signature is binding, or in any other way there has been made an arrangement of the Russian Federation and the other states participating in the negotiations to the effect that the signature is binding, or the intent of the Russian Federation to impart such force to the signature ensues from the powers of its representative or has been expressed during the negotiations;

d) **"conclusion"** means the expression of the consent of the Russian Federation to the obligatoriness for it of an international treaty;

e) **"powers"** means a document originating from a competent body of the Russian Federation, by means of which document one person or several persons are appointed to represent the Russian Federation in order to:

conduct negotiations;

adopt the text of a treaty or ascertain its authenticity;

express the consent of the Russian Federation to the obligatoriness for it of the treaty;

perform any other act relating to the treaty;

f) a **"reservation"** means a unilateral statement made during the signature, ratification, approval or accession to a treaty, by means of which a desire is expressed to eliminate certain provisions of the treaty or to change their legal effect in the application of the said provisions with respect to the Russian Federation;

g) an **"international organization"** means an interstate or an intergovernmental organization;

h) a "**depository**" means a state, an international organization or its chief executive official with which or with whom the original of an international treaty is deposited and which or who perform in respect to such a treaty the functions stipulated by international law;

i) "**authorized organisation**" means an organisation authorised under federal laws to introduce to the President of the Russian Federation or to the Government of the Russian Federation proposals as to making, implementing or terminating international treaties of the Russian Federation.

Article 3. International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. In accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the conclusion, termination and suspension of the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be within the competence of the Russian Federation.

2. The international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be concluded with foreign states, and also with international organizations and other formations, on behalf of the Russian Federation (interstate treaties), on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation (intergovernmental treaties), or on behalf of the bodies of executive power or of authorized organisations (treaties of interdepartmental nature).

Article 4. The International Treaties of the Russian Federation Involving the Powers of an Entity of the Russian Federation

1. An international treaty of the Russian Federation involving the issues belonging to the competence of an entity of the Russian Federation shall be concluded in coordination with the bodies of state power of the interested entity of the Russian Federation which have been entrusted with the relevant function.

2. The basic provisions or a draft of an international treaty involving the powers of an entity of the Russian Federation on the subjects of a joint competence of the Russian Federation and the entities of the Russian Federation shall be sent by the federal bodies of executive power or authorised organisations to the bodies of state power of the interested entity of the Russian Federation which have been entrusted with the relevant function. The received proposals shall be considered in the preparation of a draft treaty.

3. When carrying out the coordination of the issues of concluding an international treaty of the Russian Federation, the bodies of state power of an interested entity of the Russian Federation entrusted with the relevant function shall be informed by the federal bodies of executive power or authorised organisations about the maximum periods for sending the proposals, which are not less than two weeks. A failure to present the answer in the indicated period shall not preclude the submission of a proposal for concluding an international treaty of the Russian Federation.

4. The issues of the participation of the representatives of the bodies of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation in preparing a draft of an international treaty involving the issues belonging to the competence of an entity of the Russian Federation or its powers on the subjects of a joint competence of the Russian Federation and the entities of the Russian Federation, and also in the negotiations and in the signature of the treaty shall be solved by the federal bodies of executive power or authorised organisations in coordination with the bodies of state power of the interested entity of the Russian Federation entrusted with the relevant function.

Article 5. The International Treaties of the Russian Federation in the Legal System of the Russian Federation

1. The international treaties of the Russian Federation, together with the generally accepted principles and norms of international law, shall, in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, be an integral part of its legal system.

2. If an international treaty of the Russian Federation has established other rules than those stipulated by the law, then the rules of the international treaty shall apply.

3. The provisions of the officially published international treaties of the Russian Federation which do not require the issuance of interstate acts for their application, shall operate in the Russian Federation directly. For the implementation of any other provisions of the international treaties of the Russian Federation, the relevant legal acts shall be adopted.

Article 6. The Expression of the Consent of the Russian Federation to the Obligatoriness for It of an International Treaty

1. The consent of the Russian Federation to the obligatoriness for it of an international treaty may be expressed by means of:

- the signature of the treaty;
- an exchange of the documents forming the treaty;
- the ratification of the treaty;
- the approval of the treaty;
- the adoption of the treaty;

- the accession to the treaty;
 - the use of any other method of expressing the consent as arranged by the contracting parties.
2. The decisions on the consent to binding obligations for the Russian Federation of international treaties shall be taken by the bodies of state power of the Russian Federation or authorized organisations in accordance with their competence established by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the present Federal Law and any other legislative acts of the Russian Federation.

Article 7. Keeping the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Informed about the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation shall inform the Federation Council and the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation about the international treaties of the Russian Federation concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation and on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation, and also about the termination of such treaties or the suspension of their operation.

2. At the requests of the houses of the Federal Assembly, the Government of the Russian Federation shall ensure the furnishing of the information about the international treaties that are being prepared for the signature.

Section II. Conclusion of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

Article 8. Recommendations for the Conclusion of International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. Recommendations for the conclusion of international treaties of the Russian Federation may be submitted, depending on the nature of the issues involved, for the consideration of the President of the Russian Federation or the Government of the Russian Federation, by each of the houses of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation or by the entities of the Russian Federation in the person of their relevant bodies of state power.

Such recommendations may also be submitted by the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, the Higher Arbitration Court of the Russian Federation, the Procurator-General's Office of the Russian Federation, the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and by the Human Rights Commissioner, on the issues of their competence.

2. The President of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation or, by their order, a federal minister or the head of another federal body of executive power or authorised organisations shall within a month give an answer to the recommendation.

Article 9. Proposals for the Conclusion of International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The proposals for the conclusion of international treaties on behalf of the Russian Federation shall be submitted to the President of the Russian Federation, and the proposals for the conclusion of international treaties on behalf of the Russian Federation on the issues belonging to the competence of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be submitted to the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The proposals for the conclusion of the international treaties on behalf of the Russian Federation shall be submitted to the President of the Russian Federation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

The other federal bodies of executive power and authorized organisations shall submit to the President of the Russian Federation the proposals for the conclusion of international treaties on behalf of the Russian Federation on the issues comprising their competence jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation or in coordination therewith.

The proposals for the conclusion of international treaties on behalf of the Russian Federation that are subject to the submission to the President of the Russian Federation and which require a preliminary consideration thereof by the Government of the Russian Federation, shall be presented to the Government of the Russian Federation.

The decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation on the submission to the President of the Russian Federation of the proposals for the conclusion of international treaties on behalf of the Russian Federation shall be rendered in the form of a resolution.

The proposals for the conclusion of international treaties on behalf of the Russian Federation on the issues belonging to the competence of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be submitted in the procedure established by Item 3 of the present Article.

3. The proposals for the conclusion of international treaties on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be submitted to the Government of the Russian Federation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

The other federal bodies of executive power and authorized organisations shall submit to the Government of the Russian Federation the proposals for the conclusion of international treaties on behalf

of the Government of the Russian Federation on the issues comprising their competence jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation or in coordination therewith.

4. The proposals for the conclusion of international treaties of the Russian Federation of interdepartmental nature shall be submitted to the Government of the Russian Federation by the federal bodies of executive power or authorized organisations on the issues comprising their competence jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation or in coordination therewith.

5. The proposals for the conclusion of international treaties of the Russian Federation, prior to their submission to the President of the Russian Federation or to the Government of the Russian Federation, shall be coordinated with the interested federal bodies of executive power, with other bodies of state power of the Russian Federation, with authorised organisations or with the bodies of state power of the relevant entities of the Russian Federation.

A proposal for the conclusion of an international treaty must contain a draft of the treaty or the basic provisions thereof, a substantiation of the expediency of its conclusion, an assessment of the conformity of the draft treaty to the legislation of the Russian Federation, and also an evaluation of the potential financial-and-economic and any other consequences of the conclusion of the treaty.

6. The federal bodies of executive power and authorized organisations may conduct, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, consultations with the relevant bodies of foreign states, international organizations or other formations for purposes of preparing the drafts of international treaties for the submission, in the procedure established by Items 1-5 of the present Article, of the proposals for their conclusion to the President of the Russian Federation or to the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 10. The Functions of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation in Connection with the Conclusion of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The proposals for the conclusion of international treaties of the Russian Federation establishing other rules than those stipulated by the legislation of the Russian Federation shall be submitted to the President of the Russian Federation or to the Government of the Russian Federation in coordination with the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation.

2. The Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation shall give, in particular if this is stipulated by an international treaty of the Russian Federation or is a prerequisite for its entering into force, conclusions on the issues of the conformity of the provisions of the treaty to the legislation of the Russian Federation and of their legal force in the Russian Federation, and also on any other issues connected with the entering into force and with the implementation of such a treaty.

Article 11. Decisions on the Holding of Negotiations and on the Signature of International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The decisions on the holding of negotiations and on the signature of international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be taken:

a) with respect to the treaties concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation - by the President of the Russian Federation, and with respect to the treaties concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation on the issues belonging to the competence of the Government of the Russian Federation - by the Government of the Russian Federation;

b) with respect to the treaties concluded on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation - by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The President of the Russian Federation shall take decisions on the holding of negotiations and on the signature of international treaties on the issues belonging to the competence of the Russian Federation if that is necessitated.

3. The Government of the Russian Federation shall take decisions on the holding of negotiations on the conclusion of international treaties of the Russian Federation of interdepartmental nature.

The decisions on the signature of the international treaties of interdepartmental nature shall be taken by a federal minister or by the head of any other federal body of executive power or an authorised organisation, whose competence comprises the issues governed by such treaties, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

4. The Government of the Russian Federation shall take decisions on the signature of the international treaties of interdepartmental nature, if the relevant issues are of great importance for the state interests of the Russian Federation.

Article 12. The Conduct of Negotiations and the Signature of International Treaties of the Russian Federation without the Necessity of Presenting the Powers

1. The President of the Russian Federation as the head of the state shall represent the Russian Federation in the international relations and, in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation and the international law, shall conduct negotiations and sign the international treaties of the Russian Federation without the necessity of presenting the powers.

2. The Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation as the head of the Government, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation ex officio and in accordance with the international law shall conduct negotiations and sign international treaties of the Russian Federation without the necessity of presenting the powers.

3. A federal minister or the head of any other federal body of executive power and an authorised organisation may, within the limits of their competence, conduct negotiations and sign international treaties of the Russian Federation of interdepartmental nature without presenting the powers.

4. The head of a diplomatic representation of the Russian Federation in a foreign state or the head of a representation of the Russian Federation at an international organization may conduct negotiations for the purposes of adopting the text of an international treaty between the Russian Federation and the host state or within the framework of a given international organization without presenting the powers.

Article 13. The Powers to Conduct Negotiations and to Sign the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

The powers to conduct negotiations and to sign the international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be granted:

a) with respect to the treaties concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation - by the President of the Russian Federation, and with respect to the treaties on behalf of the Russian Federation on the issues belonging to the competence of the Government of the Russian Federation - by the Government of the Russian Federation. The powers to conduct negotiations and to sign the said treaties shall be executed on behalf of the President of the Russian Federation or on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

b) with respect to the treaties concluded on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation - by the Government of the Russian Federation. The powers to conduct negotiations and to sign the said treaties shall be executed on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

c) with respect to the treaties of interdepartmental nature - by a federal minister or the head of any other federal body of executive power or an authorized organisation.

Article 14. The Ratification of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

In accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the ratification of the international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be effected in the form of a federal law.

Article 15. The International Treaties of the Russian Federation That Are Subject to Ratification

1. There shall be subject to ratification the international treaties of the Russian Federation:

a) whose implementation requires an amendment of the existing or the adoption of new federal laws, and also those establishing other rules than the ones stipulated by the law;

b) whose subject is the fundamental rights and freedoms of man and citizen;

c) on the territorial delimitation of the Russian Federation with other states, including the treaties on the delineation of the state frontier of the Russian Federation, and also on the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone and of the continental shelf of the Russian Federation;

d) on the basic interstate relations, on the issues involving the defence capability of the Russian Federation, on the issues of disarmament or international control over the armaments, on the issues of ensuring the international peace and security, and also the peace treaties and the collective security treaties;

e) on the participation of the Russian Federation in interstate alliances, international organizations and any other interstate associations, if such treaties stipulate the transfer thereto of a part of the powers of the Russian Federation or establish a legal obligatoriness of the decisions of their bodies for the Russian Federation.

2. There shall equally be subject to ratification the international treaties of the Russian Federation, in the conclusion of which the parties have agreed on their subsequent ratification.

Article 16. The Procedure for Submitting International Treaties for Ratification

1. The international treaties, signed by the President of the Russian Federation, shall be submitted by the President of the Russian Federation to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation for ratification.

The international treaties, signed by the Government of the Russian Federation, shall be submitted to the State Duma for ratification by the Government of the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation may, where necessary, present to the President of the Russian Federation a proposal for submitting for ratification an international treaty, which was signed by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The proposals for the approval and submission for ratification of international treaties shall be presented, respectively, to the President of the Russian Federation or to the Government of the Russian Federation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation independently or jointly with other federal bodies of executive power or authorised organisations if the treaty involves issues comprising their competence.

The international treaties that are subject to presentation to the President of the Russian Federation for submission for ratification and whose implementation requires a preliminary consideration thereof by the Government of the Russian Federation, shall be presented to the Government of the Russian Federation.

3. The decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation on the approval and on the submission for ratification of international treaties, and also on the approval and on the presentation to the President of the Russian Federation for the submission for ratification of international treaties shall be adopted in the form of a resolution.

4. A proposal for the ratification of an international treaty must contain an attested copy of the official text of an international treaty, a substantiation of the expediency of its ratification, an assessment of the conformity of the treaty to the legislation of the Russian Federation, and also an evaluation of the potential financial-and-economic and other consequences of the ratification of the treaty, including where necessary a conclusion of the Government of the Russian Federation stipulated by Article 104 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation.

5. In the case of the submission to the State Duma, on the basis of Article 104 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, by a holder of the right of legislative initiative not mentioned in Item 1 of the present Article, of a draft law on the issue of the ratification of an international treaty which has not yet entered into force for the Russian Federation, but is subject to ratification in accordance with Article 15 of the present Federal Law, the State Duma shall forward the submitted draft law to the President of the Russian Federation for proposals on the given draft law.

Article 17. Decisions on the Ratification of International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The State Duma shall consider the proposals for the ratification of international treaties, and after a preliminary discussion in the committees and commissions of the State Duma shall take the relevant decisions.

The federal laws on the ratification of international treaties of the Russian Federation adopted by the State Duma shall be subject, in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, to an obligatory consideration in the Federation Council.

2. A federal law on the ratification of an international treaty of the Russian Federation adopted by the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation shall be forwarded, in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, to the President of the Russian Federation for the signature and publication.

Article 18. The Signature of an Instrument of Ratification

On the basis of a federal law on the ratification of an international treaty of the Russian Federation, the President of the Russian Federation shall sign an instrument of ratification, to which there shall be attached his seal and the signature of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Article 19. The Exchange of the Instruments of Ratification and the Depositing of the Instruments on the Ratification of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation with the Depositories

An exchange of the instruments of ratification and the depositing of the instruments on the ratification of the international treaties of the Russian Federation with the depositaries shall be carried out, unless agreed upon otherwise, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation or, on its instructions, by the diplomatic representation of the Russian Federation in a foreign state or by the representation of the Russian Federation at an international organization.

Article 20. The Approval or Adoption of International Treaties

1. The approval or adoption of the international treaties which are subject to approval or adoption shall be carried out:

a) with respect to the treaties concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation on the issues mentioned in Item 1 of Article 15 of the present Federal Law - in the form of a federal law in the procedure established by Article 17 of the present Federal Law for the ratification of international treaties;

b) with respect to the treaties concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation (with the exception of the treaties stipulated by Subitem "a" of the present Item) - by the President of the Russian Federation, and with respect to the treaties concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation on the issues belonging to the competence of the Government of the Russian Federation - by the Government of the Russian Federation;

c) with respect to the treaties concluded on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation - by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The President of the Russian Federation shall take decisions on the approval or adoption of the international treaties on the issues belonging to the competence of the Government of the Russian Federation, if that is necessitated.

3. The approval or adoption of the international treaties of interdepartmental nature, stipulating their entering into force after an approval or adoption, shall be carried out by the federal bodies of executive power and authorised organisations, on whose behalf such treaties have been signed.

4. The proposals for the approval or adoption of international treaties in the form of a federal law shall be presented in the procedure established by Article 16 of the present Federal Law, and in the other cases - in the procedure stipulated by Article 9 of the present Federal Law.

Article 21. The Accession of the Russian Federation to International Treaties

1. The decisions on the accession of the Russian Federation to international treaties shall be taken:

a) with respect to the treaties, the accession to which is carried out on behalf of the Russian Federation, on the issues mentioned in Item 1 of Article 15 of the present Federal Law - in the form of a federal law in the procedure established by Article 17 of the present Federal Law for the ratification of the international treaties;

b) with respect to the treaties, the accession to which is carried out on behalf of the Russian Federation (with the exception of the treaties stipulated by Subitem "a" of the present Item), - by the President of the Russian Federation, and with respect to the treaties, the accession to which is carried out on behalf of the Russian Federation, on the issues belonging to the competence of the Government of the Russian Federation, - by the Government of the Russian Federation;

c) with respect to the treaties, the accession to which is carried out on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation, - by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The President of the Russian Federation shall take decisions on the accession to international treaties on the issues belonging to the competence of the Government of the Russian Federation, if that is necessitated.

3. The accession to the international treaties of interdepartmental nature shall be carried out in the procedure established by Items 3 and 4 of Article 11 of the present Federal Law.

4. The proposals for the accession to the international treaties carried out in the form of a federal law shall be presented in the procedure established by Article 16 of the present Federal Law, and in the other cases - in the procedure stipulated by Article 9 of the present Federal Law.

Article 22. A Special Procedure for the Expression of the Consent to the Obligatoriness for the Russian Federation of International Treaties

If an international treaty contains rules requiring an amendment of certain provisions of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, a decision on the consent of its binding nature for the Russian Federation shall be possible in the form of a federal law only after the introduction of the relevant amendments into the Constitution of the Russian Federation or after a revision of its provisions in the established procedure.

Article 23. A Temporary Application by the Russian Federation of an International Treaty

1. An international treaty or a part thereof before its entering into force may be applied by the Russian Federation temporarily, if this is stipulated in the treaty or if an arrangement thereto has been achieved with the signatories parties.

2. The decisions on a temporary application by the Russian Federation of an international treaty or a part thereof shall be taken by the body which took the decision on the signature of the international treaty in the procedure established by Article 11 of the present Federal Law.

If an international treaty, the decision on the consent to whose obligatoriness for the Russian Federation is subject in accordance with the present Federal Law to adoption in the form of a federal law, stipulates a temporary application of the treaty or a part thereof, or the arrangement thereto has been achieved with the parties in any other way, then it shall be presented to the State Duma within a period of not more than six months from the date of the beginning of its temporary application. By a decision adopted in the form of a federal law, in the procedure established by Article 17 of the present Federal Law for the ratification of international treaties, the period of the temporary application may be prolonged.

3. Unless otherwise provided for in an international treaty or unless the relevant states have arranged otherwise, the temporary application by the Russian Federation of the treaty or a part thereof shall be terminated upon the notification of the other states which are temporarily applying the treaty on the intent of the Russian Federation not to become a party to the treaty.

Article 24. The Entering into Force of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The international treaties shall enter into force for the Russian Federation in accordance with the present Federal Law and in the procedure and in the periods stipulated in the treaty or agreed upon between the contracting parties.

2. The official statements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation about the entering into force of the international treaties of the Russian Federation, concluded on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation, shall be published in the procedure stipulated by Article 30 of the present Federal Law.

Article 25. Reservations to the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. When signing, ratifying, approving, adopting or acceding to international treaties of the Russian Federation, certain reservations may be made, provided that the conditions of the treaty and the relevant norms of the international law are observed.

2. Reservations may be withdrawn at any time (unless otherwise provided for by the international treaty of the Russian Federation) in the same procedure in which they were made.

3. The acceptance of a reservation to an international treaty of the Russian Federation made by another contracting state, or an objection thereto, shall be carried out in accordance with the conditions of the treaty itself and with the norms of the international law by the body taking the decision on the consent to the obligatoriness for the Russian Federation of the international treaty.

The proposals for the acceptance of or an objection to reservation, carried out in the form of a federal law, shall be presented in the procedure established by Article 16 of the present Federal Law, and in the other cases - in the procedure stipulated in Article 9 of the present Federal Law.

Section III. The Registration and Official Publication of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

Article 26. A Single State System of the Registration and Accounting of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

The single state system of the registration and accounting of the international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be in charge of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Article 27. The Registration of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation with International Organizations

The registration of the international treaties of the Russian Federation with the Secretariat of the United Nations and with the relevant bodies of other international organizations shall be carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Article 28. The Depositing of the Texts of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The originals (certified copies, official translations) of the international treaties of the Russian Federation, concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation and on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation, shall be deposited with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation within a fortnight from the day of their signature (of the receipt from the depositary of the certified copies, official translations), and the copies of these treaties shall, within a fortnight from the day of their entry into force, be sent to the relevant federal bodies of executive power, authorised organisations and to the bodies of state power of the relevant entities of the Russian Federation.

2. The originals of the international treaties of the Russian Federation of interdepartmental nature shall be deposited in the archives of the relevant federal bodies of executive power or authorised organisations, and the certified copies of these treaties shall, within a fortnight from the day of their signature (of the receipt from the depositary of the certified copies, official translations), be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Article 29. The Performance of the Functions of a Depositary

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation shall perform the functions of a depositary of multilateral international treaties, if in accordance with such agreements the said functions have been entrusted to the Russian Federation.

2. The correspondence with the bodies of foreign states, with international organizations or with their chief executive officials, performing the functions of a depositary of multilateral international treaties, shall be conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Article 30. The Official Publication of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The international treaties that have entered into force for the Russian Federation, the decisions on the consent to whose obligatoriness for the Russian Federation were adopted in the form of a federal law, shall be subject to an official publication on the presentation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the

Russian Federation in the Collection of the Legislation of the Russian Federation (Sobraniye zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii).

2. The international treaties that have entered into force for the Russian Federation (with the exception of the treaties of interdepartmental nature) shall be officially published on the presentation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation also in the Bulletin of International Treaties (Buleten mezhdunarodnykh dogovorov).

3. The international treaties of the Russian Federation of interdepartmental nature shall be published by a decision of the federal bodies of executive power or authorised organisations, on whose behalf such treaties have been concluded, in the official publications of such bodies.

Section IV. The Execution of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

Article 31. The Execution of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be subject to a conscientious execution in accordance with the conditions of the international treaties themselves, the norms of international law, the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the present Federal Law and any other legislative acts of the Russian Federation.

2. The Russian Federation before the entering in force for it of an international treaty shall abstain, taking into account the relevant norms of international law, from actions which would deprive the treaty of its object and purpose.

3. An international treaty shall be subject to execution by the Russian Federation from the moment of its entering into force for the Russian Federation.

Article 32. The Ensuring of the Execution of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The President of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation shall take measures aimed at ensuring the execution of the international treaties of the Russian Federation.

2. The federal bodies of executive power and authorised organisations, whose competence comprises the issues governed by the international treaties of the Russian Federation, shall ensure the execution of the obligations of the Russian Federation under the treaties and the exercise of the rights of the Russian Side arising from such treaties, and shall also observe the execution by other participants of the treaties, of their obligations.

3. The bodies of state power of the relevant entities of the Russian Federation shall ensure, within the limits of their powers, the execution of the international treaties of the Russian Federation.

4. The general supervision over the execution of the international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Article 33. The Measures Taken in the Case of a Violation of an International Treaty of the Russian Federation by Its Other Parties

In the case of a violation of the obligations under an international treaty of the Russian Federation by its other parties, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation or other federal bodies of executive power or authorised organisations jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation shall present, depending on in whose competence are the issues governed by the treaty, to the President of the Russian Federation or to the Government of the Russian Federation the proposals for taking the necessary measures in accordance with the norms of international law and with the conditions of the treaty itself.

Article 34. The Conformity of the International Treaties to the Constitution of the Russian Federation

1. The Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, in the procedure determined by the federal constitutional law, shall settle the cases on the conformity to the Constitution of the Russian Federation of the international treaties or certain provisions thereof which have not entered into force for the Russian Federation, shall settle the disputes about the competence between the federal bodies of state power, and also between the bodies of state power of the Russian Federation and the bodies of state power of the entities of the Russian Federation in connection with the conclusion of international treaties of the Russian Federation.

2. The international treaties which have not entered into force for the Russian Federation and which have been declared by the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation as not conforming to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, shall not be subject to be put into effect and to be implemented.

Section V. The Termination and the Suspension of the Operation of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

Article 35. The Recommendations for Terminating or Suspending the Operation of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The recommendations for terminating or suspending the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation may be presented, depending on the fact in whose competence are the issues governed by a treaty, for the consideration of the President of the Russian Federation or of the Government of the Russian Federation by each of the houses of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation in the person of the relevant bodies of state power.

Such recommendations may also be presented by the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, the Higher Arbitration Court of the Russian Federation, the Procurator-General's Office of the Russian Federation, the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and by the Human Rights Commissioner, on the issues of their competence.

2. The President of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation or, by their order, a federal minister or the head of another federal body of executive power or authorised organisation shall within a month give an answer to the recommendation.

Article 36. Proposals for Terminating or Suspending the Operation of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The proposals for terminating or suspending the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation, concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation or on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation, shall be presented, depending on who took the decision on the consent to the obligatoriness for the Russian Federation of a treaty, to the President of the Russian Federation or to the Government of the Russian Federation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation independently or in accordance with other federal bodies of executive power, other bodies of state power of the Russian Federation, authorised organisations, or bodies of state power of the relevant entities of the Russian Federation.

2. The proposals for terminating or suspending the operation of international treaties of the Russian Federation, the decisions on the consent to whose obligatoriness for the Russian Federation were taken in the form of a federal law, shall be submitted to the State Duma by the President of the Russian Federation or by the Government of the Russian Federation, depending on who presented the proposal on the basis of which the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation gave its consent to the conclusion of an international treaty of the Russian Federation.

The President of the Russian Federation shall submit, if it is necessitated, to the State Duma the proposals for terminating or suspending the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation, the decisions on the consent to whose obligatoriness for the Russian Federation were adopted in the form of a federal law on the basis of a representation of the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation may where necessary present to the President of the Russian Federation the proposals for submitting to the State Duma the proposals for terminating or suspending the operation of an international treaty of the Russian Federation, the decision on the consent to whose obligatoriness for the Russian Federation was adopted in the form of a federal law on the basis of a representation of the Government of the Russian Federation.

The proposals for terminating or suspending the operation of international treaties of the Russian Federation, which are subject to be presented to the President of the Russian Federation for submission to the State Duma and which require a preliminary consideration by the Government of the Russian Federation, shall be presented to the Government of the Russian Federation.

3. A proposal for terminating or suspending the operation of an international treaty of the Russian Federation must contain a certified copy of the official text of the international treaty, a substantiation of the expediency of its termination or of the suspension of its operation, and also an evaluation of the potential financial-and-economic and any other consequences of the termination or suspension of the operation of the treaty, including where necessary a conclusion of the Government of the Russian Federation stipulated by Article 104 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation.

4. The decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation on the submission to the State Duma of the proposals for terminating or suspending the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation, and also on the presentation to the President of the Russian Federation for submission to the State Duma of the proposals for terminating or suspending the operation of international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be rendered in the form of a resolution.

5. In the case of the submission to the State Duma, on the basis of Article 104 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, by a holder of the right of legislative initiative not mentioned in Item 2 of the present Article, of a draft law on the issue of terminating or suspending the operation of an international treaty of the Russian Federation, the State Duma shall forward the submitted draft law to the President of the Russian Federation for proposals on the given draft law.

Article 37. The Termination and the Suspension of the Operation of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

1. The termination (including the denunciation) and the suspension of the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation shall be carried out in accordance with the conditions of the treaty itself and with the norms of international law by the body which took the decision on the consent to the obligatoriness of the international treaty for the Russian Federation.

2. The President of the Russian Federation shall, if it is necessitated, take decisions on the termination or the suspension of the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation, the consent to whose obligatoriness for the Russian Federation was given by the Government of the Russian Federation.

3. The State Duma shall consider the proposals for terminating or suspending the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation and after a preliminary discussion in the committees and commissions of the State Duma shall take the relevant decisions.

The federal laws on the termination (including the denunciation) or the suspension of the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation, adopted by the State Duma, shall be subject, in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, to an obligatory consideration in the Federation Council.

A federal law on the termination (including the denunciation) or the suspension of the operation of an international treaty of the Russian Federation, adopted by the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, shall be forwarded, in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, to the President of the Russian Federation for signature and publication.

4. The operation of an international treaty of the Russian Federation, the decision on the consent to whose obligatoriness for the Russian Federation was adopted in the form of a federal law, may be suspended by the President of the Russian Federation in the cases requiring urgent measures, with an obligatory immediate notification of the Federation Council and the State Duma of a draft of the relevant law.

In case the State Duma rejects the draft federal law on the suspension of the operation of the international treaty of the Russian Federation, the operation of the treaty shall be subject to immediate renewal.

5. The termination and the suspension of the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation of interdepartmental nature shall be effected by the federal bodies of executive power or authorised organisations, on whose behalf such treaties were concluded, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, other interested federal bodies of executive power, authorised organisations, or the bodies of state power of the relevant entities of the Russian Federation, and with the permission of the Government of the Russian Federation.

6. The Government of the Russian Federation shall take decisions on terminating or suspending the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation of interdepartmental nature, if the relevant issues are not great importance for the state interests of the Russian Federation.

7. A decision to terminate (including the denounce) and to suspend the operation of the international treaties, in which the Russian Federation is a party as the USSR successor state, shall be taken by the bodies of state power of the Russian Federation or authorized organisations in accordance with their competence established by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the present Federal Law and any other legislative acts of the Russian Federation.

The submission of the relevant proposals and draft laws shall be carried out conformably to the procedure established by Article 36 of the present Federal Law.

Article 38. The Consequences of the Termination of an International Treaty of the Russian Federation

The termination of an international treaty of the Russian Federation, unless the treaty provides for otherwise or unless there is some other arrangement with its other parties, shall release the Russian Federation from any obligation to execute the treaty subsequently and shall not affect the rights, obligations or the legal status of the Russian Federation which arose as a result of the execution of the treaty before its termination.

Article 39. The Consequences of the Suspension of the Operation of an International Treaty of the Russian Federation

1. The suspension of the operation of an international treaty of the Russian Federation, unless the treaty provides for otherwise or unless there is some other arrangement with its other parties, shall release the Russian Federation from the obligation to execute the treaty during the period of the suspension in its relations with those of its parties, with which the operation of the treaty is suspended, and shall not affect in all other respects the legal relations of the Russian Federation with its other parties established by the treaty.

2. In the period of the suspension of the operation of an international treaty of the Russian Federation, the bodies of state power of the Russian Federation, authorised organisations and the bodies of state power of the relevant entities of the Russian Federation shall abstain from any actions which might hamper the renewal of the operation of the treaty.

Article 40. The Official Statements about the Termination or the Suspension of the International Treaties of the Russian Federation

The official statements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation about the termination or the suspension of the operation of the international treaties of the Russian Federation, concluded on behalf of the Russian Federation or on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation, shall be published in the procedure established by Article 30 of the present Federal Law.

Section VI. Final Provisions

Article 41. The Entering into Force of the Present Federal Law

The present Federal Law shall enter into force as of the day of its official publication.

President of the Russian Federation

Moscow, the Kremlin

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